GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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SEPARATE BOARD FOR MAHARASHTRA
NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the request of the Government of Maharashtra for creating a Separate Development Board for Konkan is still under consideration of the Union Government;

(b) whether his Ministry had informed the State Government in July,2001 that the evaluation report in this regard was being processed by the Programme evaluation Organization in the Planning Commission;

(c) if so, the present status thereof;

(d) whether his Ministry has since received the opinion from the Planning Commission;

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(f) if not, the time by which the opinion of the Planning Commission is likely to be received

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir.

(c) to (f): The Programme Evaluation Organization in the Planning Commission is evaluating the data it had obtained on the working of the three existing Development Boards in Maharashtra for drafting and finalizing the report on the performance of the Development Boards. Since data-collection on the latest position of socio-economic, physical and financial backlog, expenditure of special funds in the districts in the three Development Boards and reconciliation of data with different departments of the State Government is a time-consuming exercise, no definite time-frame could be prescribed for finalisation of the evaluation report by the Planning Commission.